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Jan. 25, 1917

Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst enclosing copy of a letter from A. M. Joyce, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and a photograph which is returned herein.

I note that he deems it in-ex pedient to attempt a new die at this time. I am quite willing to accept this situation. I am assum ing that the additonal coins mint-ed for us will be dated 1917. We will not ask for any further change. We need 10,000 of these coins as soon as they can be minted, as we have disposed of practically all the 20,000 which we have obtained.

Yours very truly,

JGB:D

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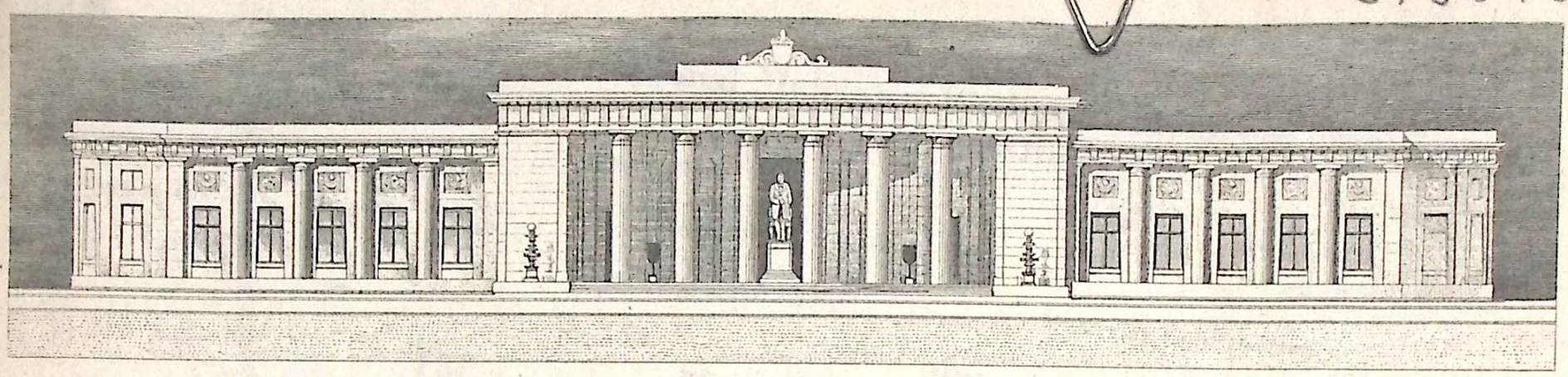

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Niles, Ohio

Mar. 14, 1917

Director of the Mint for the U. S. Treasury Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Member of American Numismatic Association.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a copy of the Act of Congress, signed by the President February 23rd, 1916, authorizing the issue of one hundred thousand McKinley Souvenir Gold Dollars. Twenty thousand of the gold dollars were issued and dated 1916. A limited number bearing this date remain in our possession. We have recently caused to be minted, a limited number of the coins bearing the 1917 date. I assume that all collectors of coins will want one of each date.

If you have not already purchased coins of either date, we will be glad to have your order. The cost is fixed in the circular enclosed and no deviation can be made from this price.

Very truly yours,

J. G. Butler Jr.

President.

P. S.
We enclose card and envelope for your convenience in responding.

# National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association

**YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

**Gentlemen:**

**Enclosed is Draft for $_____ for which please send us by Registered Mail _____ McKinley Gold Dollars.**

**Name** _____

**Price of**
**McKinley Gold Dollars**
**$3.00 Each**
**$2.50 Each in Lots of Ten**

**Address** _____

**Signed** _____

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ACCOUNT OF

THE NATIONAL MCKINLEY BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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# COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT PROVIDING FOR COINAGE OF THE MC SOUVENIR GOLD DOLLAR TO AID IN DEFRAYING THE COST OF THE McKINLEY MEMORIAL BUILDING AT NILES, OHIO

An Act for the coinage of a McKinley Souvenir Gold Dollar, in commemoration of the erection of a memorial to William McKinley, late President of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That for the purpose of aiding in defraying the cost of completing in a suitable manner the work of erecting a memorial in the city of Niles, Ohio, to William McKinley, late President of the United States of America, the Secretary of the Treasury shall be and is hereby authorized to purchase in the market so much gold bullion as may be necessary for the purpose herein provided for, from which there shall be coined at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, standard gold dollars of the legal weight and fineness, to the number of not exceeding one hundred thousand pieces, to be known as the McKinley Souvenir dollars, struck in commemoration of the erection of memorial to William McKinley, late President of the United States of America, in the city of Niles, Ohio, his birthplace, the devices and designs upon which coins shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury; and all provisions of law relative to the coinage and legal-tender quality of the standard gold dollar shall be applicable to the coins issued under this Act, and when so coined said souvenir dollars shall be delivered, in suitable parcels, at par, and without cost to the United States, to the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association and the dies shall be destroyed.

CHAMP CLARK,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOS. R. MARSHALL,
Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.

Approved—
23rd of February, 1916.
WOODROW WILSON.

The McKinley SOUVENIR GOLD DOLLARS, authorized by Act of Congress February 23rd. 1916, are now available. At a meeting of the Trustees and Building Committee held August 14th, 1916, the price for the Souvenir Dollars was fixed at Three Dollars for single specimens and up to ten and for ten or more the price was fixed at Two Dollars and fifty cents each. The prices named are without discount and include the expense of shipment by registered mail.

Drafts should be made out to **The National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association.**

**THE NATIONAL McKINLEY BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION**
**Youngstown, Ohio**

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

February 23, 1916

Hon. R. W. Woolley,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Woolley:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, relative to Mr. Barber's correspondence with Hon. W.A. Ashbrook, chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures of the House of Representatives, with regard to the coinage of the McKinley souvenir dollar, I beg to say that, in accordance with your request, I called Mr. Barber's attention to the matter and in the course of conversation regarding same it appeared that he thought such correspondence was a matter of his personal privilege. However, I requested him to make a detailed statement concerning it, a copy of which I enclose together with a copy of his letter to Mr. Ashbrook.

I might also add that, in conclusion, I impressed upon Mr. Barber's mind the advisability of properly addressing to the Bureau all matters pertaining to coinage through my office.

Respectfully,

A.M. Joyce

Superintendent.

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COPY

February 16, 1916.

Hon. William A. Ashbrook,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I see the bill for the Memorial McKinley dollar has passed both Houses and no doubt will be signed by the President.

I wish to call your attention to the matter of the dies which the Committee say will be furnished by the Committee. I would suggest that you take this matter up with the Director of the Mint and get him to sanction the making of the dies in the Mint, it will save the Committee considerable expense besides insuring the certainty of the manufacture of the coins, which will not be so sure if the dies are made by some party without the knowledge of the possibilities of coinage. See page 12 of the "Hearings before Committee" on Coinage, Weights and Measures at the foot of the page.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Chas. E. Barber,

Engraver.

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT

February 19, 1916

Hon. A.M. Joyce,
Superintendent.

Sir:-

I regret to see that the Director of the Mint has entirely mistaken my position in regard to the McKinley dollar.

I saw by the daily papers that Congress had passed a bill authorizing the coinage of a memorial dollar in commemoration of the late President McKinley and that my personal friend Representative W.A. Ashbrook was chairman of a committee having the matter in charge.

Thinking the design for such a coin would in all probability be referred to the Mint, I wrote Mr. Ashbrook asking whether he had any photograph or drawing of the proposed Memorial as it might be utilized in making a design, Mr. Ashbrook sent me a drawing and offered to send photographs which I accepted.

Among other matter that came to hand was a pamphlet bearing the title of "Hearings before The Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures." In reading it over I found on page 12 at the bottom of the page the following:

> "Manifestly this assistance on the part of the Federal Government will cost nothing more than the making of the dies."
> "The Chairman.'If you will pardon me, Senator, the association is to pay the cost of the dies.'"

Knowing how little is known of the subject of dies and how generally committees fall into making mistakes, when left to themselves, I wrote Mr. Ashbrook calling his attention to the paragraph quoted and advised him to see the Director and urge him to have the dies prepared in the Mint as it would facilitate the whole matter. I am therefore at a loss to see where I have in the least encroached upon the business of the Director's office or made "mistake" or "misunderstanding."

Respectfully,
(Signed) Chas. E. Barber
Engraver.

P.S. Enclosed find copy of my letter to Hon. W.A. Ashbrook dated February 16, 1916.

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House of Representatives U. S.
Committee on
Coinage, Weights, and Measures
Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1916 .

Hon. Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

The House has passed H. R. 2, authorizing the coinage of the McKinley Souvenir Dollar. Mr. Barber, the Engraver at the Philadelphia Mint, calls my attention to the fact that the dies for the Dollar are to be furnished by the committee, and suggests that I take up with you the authorization of the making of the dies by the Mint. This is my desire, and I trust that you will see to it that the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia is authorized to make the dies as soon as the Bill becomes a law.

Very respectfully,

WAA/S

William A. Ashbrook

Chairman, Com. Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

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Committee on
Coinage, Weights, and Measures
Washington, D. C.

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Marbh 16, 1916.

Hon. Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 15th received. I have forwarded to Mr. Barber the engraver at the Mint at Philadelphia a photograph of the Memorial Building which it has been suggested should be used for the obverse and also a photograph submitted to me by the National McKinley Memorial Association of the late President McKinley for the reverse. I certainly hope that it will not be necessary to delay action until Secretary McAdoo returns May h5th. I wish you would take it up with the acting Secretary and see if the design cannot be approved at once. I presume the Secretary would wish to please the McKinley Memorial Assoc@ation and they have suggested the above design.

Awaiting your further advice, I am, with kind regards,

Very respectfully,

WAA/D

William A. Ashbrook

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 30, 1916

The Director of the Mint,
Care U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 29th instant, I beg to enclose sketches for the two sides of the McKinley dollar, also impressions in cardboard of the reverse, of the size of the dollar.

The Engraver says that we have not had time to complete designs, as he did not understand that they were wanted immediately.

The cardboard impression is the size of the gold dollar and the pencil sketch of the head of McKinley is to show the proposed manner of treatment and the arrangement of inscription.

Respectfully,

Acting Superintendent.

(Enc.)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

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Superintendent.

SUBJECT:

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✓ Col Henry Watterson

✓ Alton B. Parker

✓ Richard Olney

✓ Judson Harmon

Hillary A. Herbert

Wayne MacVeigh

✓ Judge J. M. Dickinson

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Coinage, Weights, and Measures
Washington, D. C.

March 15/16

March 14, 1916.

Hon. Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please advise about how soon it will be possible to secure an allottment of the McKinley Souvenir gold dollars. It is unnecessary for me to say that the interested parties are anxious to have them at the earliest possible moment.

Very respectfully,

WAA/D William A. Ashbrook

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

April 8, 1916

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Bureau of the Mint

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 6th instant I am forwarding today by mail the plaster cast of the model for the obverse side of the McKinley dollar.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Washington, D. C.

April 1, 1916.

Hon. R. W. Woolley,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

DearMr. Woolley:-

I have received the photograph of the late President McKinley, which you returned to me.

Please advise the status of the McKinley Souvenir Dollar and whether or not there is anything that I can do to hasten the coinage of these Gold Dollars.

With kind regards, I am,

Very respectfully,

WAA/S

Wm. A. Ashbrook

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,
ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

Retd. April 14/16 no letter.

April 8, 1916.

Hon. W. E. Woolley,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

The enclosed card board impression is the size of the gold dollar and displays the approved inscription and character of letter that will surround the head, a plaster cast of which is submitted.

Respectfully,

B. Chas. E. Barber Engraver.

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

April 5, 1916

Returned April 14/16. no letter

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Bureau of the Mint

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to submit for your consideration the enclosed sketch of the proposed design for the McKinley dollar.

Respectfully,

F. M. Joyce

Superintendent.

(Enc.)

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 20, 1916

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reference to the four samples of the McKinley one dollar gold piece, I beg to say that we are awaiting a decision as to choice of one of the two edges submitted before proceeding with the coinage.

I would thank you for formal acknowledgment of receipt of the four samples.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Copy to Phila. June 21/16.

June 20th, 1916.

Mr. F.H. Chaffin,
Acting Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

Responding to your letter of June 1st, I am writing to say, we have appointed The Niles Trust Company, Niles, Ohio, as fiscal agent to handle the McKinley Gold Dollars. We wish to have them delivered to The Niles Trust Company when they are ready.

Very truly yours,

J.G. Butler

President.

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R. L. McCORKLE, TREASURER.

June 22/16

NILES, OHIO, June 21, 1916.

F. H. Chaffin, Acting Director,
Mint- Treasury Dopartment,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

We are advised that Mr. J. G. Butler, Jr., President of the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association has directed that the McKinley Gold Dollars be shipped to us when ready. We would like you to tell us as nearly as possible how soon shipment will be made.

Very truly,

President.

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June 27/16

NILES, OHIO, June 26, 1916.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 23rd inst. relative to the McKinley Gold Dollars duly received. You state that it will be necessary for us to designate an Agent who will receive from and pay the Mint for the coins. Please pardon this inquiry that we now make so that we may fully understand the matter when it comes up: Can we not have the same delivered to an Express Company that we may designate by sending a New York draft to your order. Thanking you to reply at your convenience, we beg to remain,

Very Respectfully,

C. P. Wilson

President.

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TELEGRAM

B PHILADELPHIA Pa Aug 2 1916

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Director of the Mint

Washington DC

Ten thousand McKinley dollars ready for delivery Thursday

Joyce

1114am

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 31, 1916

June 1/16

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I would thank you to forward me a copy of the law authorizing the coinage of the McKinley Souvenir Gold Dollars, and also a formal letter of authority for the execution of this coinage, which we hope to complete by the end of July.

Respectfully,

A.M. Joyce

Superintendent.

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Ans. aug 12/16

NILES, OHIO, August 11th, 1916.

John Burke, Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir:-

We have returned to us in your letter of the 9th inst. our New York draft to your order $10,000.00 which we sent you in our letter of the 8th inst. in payment of $10,000.00- MCKINLEY SOUVENIR GOLD DOLLARS, which by our direction were to be shipped us from the mint at Philadelphia by the Adams Express Company, who were to give duplicate receipts for same, one of which we requested sent immediately to us. You return our letter with draft advising "the act authorizing the coinage of these gold dollars provides that the entire coinage shall be delivered to the NATIONAL McKINLEY BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION, Niles, Ohio. None of these pieces will be distributed by the Treasury Department."

The Niles Trust Company was appointed Fiscal Agent to pay for and receive all or portion of these coins from the mint when ready as evidenced by letter from the Association to F. H. Chaffin, Acting Director of the Mint, under date of June 20th last.

A letter under date of June 27th, 1916, from the Director of the Mint to The Niles Trust Company states "that it will be entirely satisfactory to the Department to have an Express Company designated by you to receive the McKinley Memorial Coins when ready for delivery by the Superintendent of the Mint at Phildelphia."

Mr. A. N. Joyce, Sup't of the Mint at Philadelphia, writes the President of the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association under date of August 3rd, 1916, advising "that $10,000.00 in McKinley Souvenir dollars are now ready for delivery. Your order should be sent to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C." This letter was in reply to an inquiry from the Association as to how soon a portion of the coins would be ready for delivery- on receipt of the above reply the President of the Association advised us, enclosing copy of letter received from the United States Mint at Philadelphia, to get the $10,000.00 Souvenir Dollars here at Niles as soon as possible. Acting upon this request we sent our draft on August 3rd as above stated to you, as per the letter from Mr. A. N. Joyce, Sup't, of August 3rd.

We are unable to understand why there would be any hitch in this shipment coming forward to us and beg to return herein our letter of August 8th with draft, asking that you give this matter further attention. We have endeavored to follow the directions given. With assurance that whatever time and attention you may give will be gratefully appreciated, we beg to remain,

Very truly,

C. P. Wilson

President.

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TREASURER, U. S.

NILES, OHIO, August 8, 1916.

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A. M.
TREASURER, U. S.

Treasurer of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find our draft on New York $10,000.00 which kindly use in paying for $10,000.00 McKinley Souvenir Gold Dollars, and have the Mint in Phildelphia ship same to us by Adams Express Co., who will give duplicate receipts for same, one of which receipts we desire sent immediately to us.

From all the information we have we trust nothing further will be necessary for us to do in the matter except to receive the coin, and pay express charges on same.

Very respectfully,

C. P. Wilson
President.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1916.

SUBJECT: McKinley Dollar Dies.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Pr President of the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association relative to the die made at the Mint for the McKinley Memorial Dollar.

Will you please take this matter up with the Engraver of the Mint, and report to this Office the possibility of improving the die used for the portrait of President McKinley on the Souvenir Dollar now being issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1916.

Mr. J. G. Butler, Jr.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant relative to the die for the McKinley Souvenir Dollar, I beg to advise you that the matter has been taken up with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. Upon receiving his report I will communicate further with you as to what can be done to remedy the die.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

December 20, 1916

Subject: McKinley Souvenir Gold Dollars.

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request, I am returning herewith the letter of The National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, with the information that the McKinley model we used in the St. Louis Exposition coin can be substituted for the model used for the coin referred to in your letter.

This work will require about sixty days to perfect.

Awaiting further advice, I am,

Yours respectfully,

F. M. Boyer

Superintendent.

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Youngstown, Ohio

December 9th, 1916.

Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

We are having considerable complaint in regard to the portrait of McKinley which appears on one side of the Souvenir Gold Dollars. I am writing to ask if it would be possible to have a new die made. We expect to dispose of about thirty thousand of these coins before January 1st.

I am not at liberty to mention any names, but here are a few comments which have been sent in to us.

"The portrait is so poor, that in showing it to three gentlemen, not one of them identified whose head it was and when I told them it was probably meant for McKinley, they laughed and said,' I do not want that thing at any price'."

"As to the coin, whose head is it?- Not McKinley's surely- not a bit like him- might be taken for any clean-shaven man."

"The St. Louis McKinley dollars was a far better portrait. If President McKinley was here to see it, I think he too would ask whose portrait it was. I saw him several times."

"I think the great objection to the coin, Mr. Butler, is that nobody thinks the head of McKinley on the coin looks anything like him. There is not the faintest resemblance. I think there was a great mistake in making the die."

Kindly let us hear from you.

Very truly yours,

J.G. Butler

President.

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1916.

SUBJECT: McKinley Dollar.

Mr. J. G. Butler,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I attach hereto a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to whom I forwarded your letter of December 9th. Mr. Joyce states that he can substitute the model used for the St. Louis Exposition coin, and if you desire to have this change made, and are prepared to wait the necessary sixty days, I will be glad tohhave you advise me to this effect and will issue the necessary instructions to the Superintendent of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant relative to McKinley Memorial Dollar, I have concluded that a new die for this coin would not materially improve the same, and have notified the President of the National McKinley Memorial Association that it will be inexpedient to alter the coin at this time, now that many of them have gone into circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1917.

Mr. J. G. Butler, Jr.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, together with a photograph of the model of McKinley for the memorial dollar.

In view of the Superintendent's statement that the size of the coin itself will prevent any material improvement over the present issue, I deem it inexpedient to attempt a new die at this time, especially in view of the fact that many of the coins have already gone into circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

January 18, 1917

SUBJECT: McKinley Memorial Dollar.

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to submit a photograph of the model of McKinley for the Memorial dollar. When this has been reduced to the size of the dollar the features will be very small, as the coin is only 9/16 of an inch in diameter and the head is surrounded by an inscription, which leaves very little space for the bust.

Respectfully,

A. M. Joyce

Superintendent.